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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1643

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SEIZED US TUNA VESSEL NEPTUNE

1. AFTERNOON MARCH 7 FOREIGN OFFICE TERRITORIAL SEVEREIGNTY OFFICIAL, DR. HERBASN INFORMED POLCOUNS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CARDENAS' REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH KING AND CLARKE THAT SAME AFTERNOON REPORTING WILLINGNESS OF STARKIST TO DO A BUY-BACK DEAL FOR NEPTUNE AND DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER FATE OF 3 CREWMEN.

2. HERBAS SAID THAT FOREIGN OFFICE POSITION WAS THAT THE BOAT NEPTUNE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE AS SOON AS BUY-BACK TRANSACTION COMPLETED AND THAT FOREIGN OFFICE WAS DOING EVERYTHING IT COULD TO INSURE THAT THE 3 DETAINED SEAMEN WOULD BE RELEASED AND PERMITTED TO SAIL WITH THE VESSEL. HERBAS SAID THAT ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER RODRIGO VALDEZ HAD PERSONALLY INTERVENED WITH THE NAVY ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. SINCE DRAFTING THE ABOVE, WE HAVE LEAREND THAT GOE HAS HANDED DOWN SENTENCE ON THE THREE CREWMEN. TWO HAVE BEEN ACQUITTED AND THIRD (MATE LARKINS) HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO FIVE DAYS IMPRISONMENT AND FINED \$40.00.

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4. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT PAPERWORK FOR NEPTUNE BUY-
BACK SHOULD BE COMPLETED OVER WEEKEND AND BOAT LIKELY
TO SAIL ON MONDAY MARCH 10.
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